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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

After war comes, not peace, but strikes, labor organized against management and management organized against labor. But please note the strikes almost without exception are against big organized industry. Big Steel, General Motors, and the meat packers. Little businesses have few strikes.

Off hand, why not make more little businesses and reduce big business. This would restore the human touch. Everybody in the shop would know the boss, and the boss would know all the hands. Men don't knuckle under and become part of a machine willingly. They are individuals, with individual capacities and talents. They want recognition as men, and not regimentation as on an assembly line.

And, a boss that gets $5,000 for bossing is very likely to be a lot more sympathetic toward 50 men who work under his direction, than a boss who gets $100,000 a year and never sees the 50,000 men he bosses. He dosen't know any one of them, with the exception of his secretary and the office boy, by their first names. He is not interested in his workers, generally speaking. He is only interested in what they produce.

Even a machine has to be oiled and cleaned to produce anything. And a human being is much more complicated than a machine. A man cries out to be considered as a man. His ills need sympathy. His family difficulties need consideration. His son, who, the father hopes will do a better job in the world than he does, may be going off the beam that leads to good citizenship. A dangerous character may be energetically courting the oldest daughter, and the father is near distracted.

Now the little boss with a few men under him knows about these things and he not only offers sympathy but often wise counsel to the man working for him. He makes a loyal friend of his worker. Loyalty is a two way street. The boss has to be loyal to his help before he can expect the help to be loyal to him.

The big boss, the $50,000 a year chap, may have come up from the ranks, very frequently he does. But he has entered a kind of stratosphere which is insulated from his fellow men in the shops. He has no time for cultivating the friendships of 50,000 men who work with him for the success of the firm. Foreman are appointed to be sure, but as a matter of fact, they are generally chosen for their ability to get things done, and not to gain the friendship of the men who are working with them. The most miportant thing about production is thus entirely overlooked.

As a rule little businesses are not much troubled with union organizers. The little boss and his helpers are friends. The walking delegate of the union is an "outsider." He doesn't see or feel the bond of friendship that ties the whole shop together. He merely wants to get the "dough", the dues to send away somewhere to the big chief who sits in state in a mahogany lined office, walks on plush carpets, and talks with a big "I".

It would seem as if the best answer to the plague of dictator labor bosses, would be the dispersion of business. Henry Ford had the rgiht idea when he proposed that every workingman should own a few acres where he could spent part of his time growing things. This can't be done in the big cities. Comparatively few working men in the big manufac- almost every worker owns his own Here in Nevada County for instance, almost every worker own his own home. Their wages have been relatively low, but, through thrift and hard work they have been able to get ahead and become in a way, capitalists.

With the universal use of electricity, the dispersal of big business, dividing up steel fabrication, textiles, and other manufacturing plants into smaller units and distributing them through the smaller towns and villages, even creating new villages and towns in rural areas, could be the solution of a problem that grows more serious year by year.

As a matter of fact this development is making headway. Smaller plants are now supplying the larger plants with parts, or processed materials. More and more families of working men are living in the country, or in rural communities. The unions of couse will oppose any dispersal of this kind, for it would mean ultimately that working men, owning their own homes in a country environment would become independent like the farmers, who own their farms. Nobody collects dues from farmers. We think this something for big business, the great moguls who draw down salaries comparable with the labor moguls, to think about. A campaign to help every man to become a home owner in the long run, could lay the unrest that now makes unions to flourish like the green bay tree.

SNOW STORM CATCHES MANY OFF GUARD

A heavy snow storm, coming on the heels of unusually fair weather, caught residents of Grass Valley and Nevada City off guard Saturday and Sunday evening and hundreds of automobiles had to be abandoned along roads and streets while the occupants walked to their destinations.

Under Sheriff William Woods returning from Stockton late Saturday night reported that there were easily a hundred cars between Lady Jane Manor six miles west of Grass Valley and the city limits, which had stalled, had been pulled off the road and had been abandoned for the ttime being These were caught with out chains.

The fall of snow varied from 7 to 10 inches. It broke off huge limbs of trees which in some places, notably in the Plaza and on Washington Street blocked traffic until they could be removed. Taxi services were unable to meet the tremendously increased demand.

No serious accidents were reported either by the police of the California Highway Patrol.

CITY UNDER 3 FEET OF SNOW 13 YEARS AGO TODAY

This is February 4, 1946, the 13th anniversary of the big snow that covered the city on February 4, 1933. The snow was packed and three feet deep.

The water supply gave out and groups of Nevada City residents, the firemen and everyone the city could muster went out daily to work clearing ditches that led into the city's reservoirs.

Many householders had to melt snow for use in their homes, though there was a limited supply of water for domestic use.

So with snow only a foot deep today, let us remebber our "marcies."

MRS. BEATRICE BONNER PASSES

Mrs. Beatrice Bonner, wife of Edward Bonner, well known mining man, died this morning at 8:12 o'clock in the Miners Hospital, following a long period of illness.

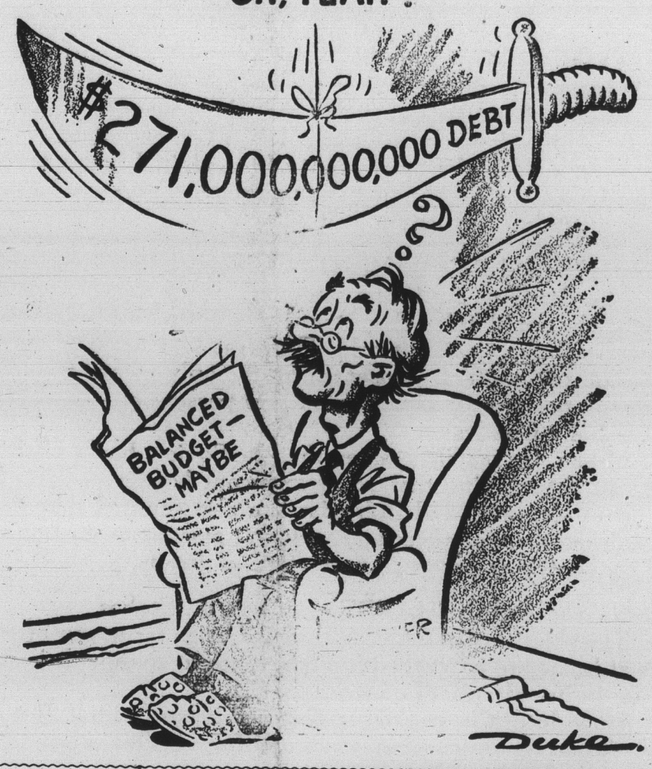
Mrs. Bonner was active in the Parent Teachers association here for many years, and was a past president of the organization.

She was the mother of two sons, Tod and Bob Bonner. She and her family in recent weeks returned from Happy Camp, Siskiyou County, where her husband was employed by the Newmont Company in the Gray Eagle copper mine.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Holmes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Frank Meggers formerly of Camptonville is in the Enloe hospital at Chico suffering from pneumonia. Mrs. Meggers is a member of the Chico high school faculty.

"OH, YEAH?"



FIRE DIVISION IN TAHOE FOREST REESTABLISHED

Supervisor Guerdon Ellis announced the reestablishment of a separate division of fire control for the Tahoe national forest with the headquarters at Nevada City. Forest fire activities were formerly combined with the engineering division under J. M. Shock. Under the new setup Robert E. Dasmann will be in charge of fire control retaining as his assistants G. H. Vance as dispatcher and W. M. French on prevention. Dasmann was in charge of timber management on the Lassen national forest prior to serving as lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

Ellis also stated that Fred Ahrenholz, assistant in the resource management section is being transferred to the Stanislaus national forest at Sonora being replaced here by Theodore Niehaus who has been ranger on the Challenge district of the Plumas national forest.

SCOUT RALLY IN ROSEVILLE

Plans are all set for the annual scout rally of the Tahoe area council Boy Scouts of America which will take place at the Roseville high school auditorium on Saturday evening February 16 starting at 7:15 p. m. according to Walter V. Williams, council commissioner and rally chairman. This rally was last held in 1942 and abandoned during the war and it will be revived with this event. It is expected that nearly 500 scouts representing troops from all of Placer, Nevada and western Sierra counties will be in attendance. The rally will be formally opened by council president Lowell L. Sparks and will provide two and a half hours of top notch entertainment to spectators, and splendid rivalry for scouts who participate in the can race, knot tying, signaling, rope climbing, building. District commissioners and camping and activities committee personnel are laying plans and taking on responsibilities for this activity which will be on the high lights of the 36th anniversary of scouting in America, which runs from the 8th to the 16th.

NEW TENNIS NETS

Installation of new tennis nets recently purchased by the Grass Valley city council for use in the courts at Memorial Park was postponed yesterday due to the heavy snowfall, but players are eagerly anticipating resumption of tennis with good weather.

Tennis nets were one of the casualties of the war, the government taking nets of all kinds for camouflage purposes The new nets are the first purchased by Grass Valley in four years.

VFW TO FIGHT LOAN TO BRITAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4—The Veterans of Foreign Wars with a nation wide membership in excess of 1,600,000 will wage a militant drive against congressional approval of the Truman administration sponsored $4 billion loan to Great Britain.

This fact was announced here today by Richard H. Newhall California department commander of the VFW. Newhall said that the national legislative committee on the overseas veterans organization met recently in Washington to map a campaign against granting of loans to foreign nations.

J. Rufus Klawans San Francisco attorney and vice chairman of the committee reported to Newhall that congressional leaders will be contacted at once and told of the position taken by the VFW.

The VFW is opposed to granting of government loans or money gifts to Britain or any other foreign nation.

Notwithstanding the propaganda that will be spread nationally seeking to arouse public favor for the granting of this first proposed loan it is against the best interests and welfare of our country and its citizens.

In the light of the future financial needs and rehabilitation of our veterans and service men and women and the welfare of our country and its citizens our economy is now burdened beyond the breaking point in the matter of government debt. We cannot and must not open the doors of our treasury to foreign nations now or in the future.

FRANZ WERFELS LAST NOVEL IS HIS BEST

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4—Star of the Unborn a new novel written by the late Franz Werfel was translated in English by Dd. G. O. Arlt.

"It is only rarely that a last work is also an author's greatest work" said Arlt "but it was given to Franz Werfel to achieve this.

"Werfel's Star of the Unborn is one of the greatest creations of our day a work of such rank as to entitle it to a place alongside the giant of world literature. At the same time it is appealingly human, fascinating adventurous and almost youthful in its directness.

Austrian born and author of The Forty Days of Musa Dagh and The Song of Bernadette Werfel had been chosen for the Nobel prize in literature but died last year before it could be awarded.

ST. VALENTINES PARTY

The Elks Lodge gave its annual St. Valentine's party Saturday evening. The event opened with a dinner at 7:30 p. m. followed by dancing at 9o'clock.

MORE U. S. NISEI IN ARMY THAN FROM HAWAII

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4—More than half of persons of Japanese ancestry both alien and citizen who served in the armed forces during World War II came from the continental United States and the majority of them from California it was announced today by Charles Miller supervisor for the War Relocation Authority northern California area.

Quoting from an official count made by the war department Miller said that 11,825 Japanese Americans were inducted from the mainland as compared with the 10,707 inducted in Hawaii during the period July 1 1940 through June 30, 1945. Enlisted personnel from Hawaii numbered 10,598 and officers 109 os compared with 11,683 enlisted personnel and 142 officers from the mainland.

Since the time the count was made hundreds more of the nisei have entered the service. During the war the Japanese Americans served in all theatres. Service was not confined to male persons of Japanese ancestry. Many young women served with the Army Nurse Corps and the WAC. Just the other day 11 girls of Japanese ancestry flew to Japan to become the first WAC members to land there.

Male Japanese American service personnel have served in Japan for months and others are in training at the Army Language School at Fort Snelling, Minn., for future service during the occupation of Japan.

DEATH CALLS MRS. MARY MARTIN

Mrs. Mary Martin, residing at 211 Pine Street, was found dead in bed Friday morning by her son Edward Holland. When his mother did not rise at 10 o'clock the son investigated.

It is believed Mrs. Martin died at 8 a. m. while asleep. She had not complained of ill health and was about town Thursday. Death was believed due to a heart attack.

Mrs. Martin, whose maiden name was Donnelly is mourned by sons and daughters, 6 grandhildren and three great grandchildren. The sons and daughters include Henry Holland of Sacramento, Edward Holland of Nevada City, Jenny Holland Whitley of Los Angeles, Charles Martin of Oakland and Louise Martin Polglase of Nevada City.. on January 2nd of this year.

Before she was twenty she married the late James Robert Holland. Seven years later she married the late Richard W. Martin who passed away in 1929.

Mrs. Martin was a faitthful worker in the Red Cross in World War I and II. She has been active in the affairs of St. Canice Catholic Church and in Laurel Parlor No. 6, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Funeral services were held this morning in St. Canice Catholic Church, Rev. Virgil Gabrielli, officiating. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Chamber To Nominate 1946 Officers

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow evening in the city hall will nominate officers for 1946, and discuss and probably adopt changes in its constitution and by laws.

Guest speaker of the evening will be Harold Chastain of Placer Junior College. His topic will be veterans' rehabilitation.

Historical Society Meets This Evening

The Nevada County Historical Society will meet this evening in the Grass Valley public library. A museum project will be discussed.

The club president Elmer Stevens has appealed to the public for old books and documents relating to the Argonaut times in California with which it is hoped to establish small historical department of this kind in the library.

LOWER LEGAL SPEED LIMIT HAS STRONG SUPPORT

Establishment of a fixed state speed limit of 50 miles per hour in California to remain in force until March, 1947 as proposed in assembly bill 145 has received first favorable action before the legislature. The bill by Assemblyman Michael J. Burns and others was recommended for passage by the assembly committee on transportation and commerce.

The temporary reduction in California's present 55 mile per hour prima facie speed limit is strongly supported by the California State Automobile association which pointed out to the assembly committee during the hearing on the measure than an absolute calling of 50 miles per hour beyond which it will be unlawul to drive at any time would effect considerably more than a 5 mile per hour reduction. Under the present prima facie speed limit the speeds of 70 and 75 miles per hour have been held to be lawful by the courts. Thus the proposed 50 mile per hour ceiling would eliminate the possibility of higher speeds being permitted under so-called favorable conditions.

Since VJ day fatal traffic accidents in California have increased 50 per cent and the number of such accidents on rural highways has increased more than 300 per cent the committee was advised by Edwin G. Moore manager of the automobile association's public safety department. He attributed this rising traffic toll largely to the age and condition of tries and motor vehicles now on the highways. During 1946 he said it is probable that not more than 20,000,000 new tires will be available for the 23,500,000 automobiles now in use.

This means less than one new tire per car and the majority of motorists must continue to drive on tires which are definitely unsafe at high speeds, Moore said. In addition, the automobiles now operating average more than eight years of age and while they are safe at moderate speeds they become dangerous when driven at high speeds. Sinve VJ day tire and mechanical failures resulting in fatal accidents have increased 100 per cent.

WAR RELOCATION CENTERS CLOSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4—Four of the War Relocation Authoritys 8 district offices in the Northern California area will close April 19 with the others shutting their doors on May 3 it was announced here today by Charles F. Miller area superintendent.

Those to be closed first are located at Santa Rosa, Watsonville, Stockton and Oakland. The San Jose, Fresno, Sacramento and San Bernardino district offices will close on the latter date while May 15 has been scheduled for closing the Northern California area office located in San Francisco. The national office in Washington will close on or before June 30.

The Northern California area embraces all but the nine southernmost counties in the state.

All major problems incidental to resettling evacuated people of Japanese ancestry in this area have been solved or are at a stage where they can be turned over to the individual communities. Responsibility for the welfare of its citizens and law abiding aliens rests with each community. These returning people moved from their homes by military order early in 1942 and who began their return when the military ban was lifted January 2, have the same rights and legal status as people of any other ancestry in this country.

Less than 60% of those evacuated from Northern California have returned to the west coast the others having relocated in other parts of the United States.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder and I worry too,
About atomic powers,
And will they quite transform, I ask,
This universe of ours,
Shall we look up some stilly night,
And find to our dismay,
That little men with atom bombs
Have blown the moon away?

I wonder at the courage and fortitude with which average men and women face real and potential disasters and remain calm in the presence of catstrophes which well might strike terror to the stoutest heart. Of course there are times when poise is lost; we become hysterical perhaps and give way to the terrors inspired by imagination, but in the main, men and women are able to rationalize their problems and meet emergencies with the calm of real strength patience and endurance.

The atomic bomb which is by far the most murderous weapon the world has ever known has been accepted not so much with alarm as with determined thought directed toward the goal of solving the problems so suddenly thrust upon us. Many solutions have been offered, perhaps the wisest one was recently voiced by an eastern analyst who said. "the way to controll the atomic bomb is to stop producing it." I wish he had gone a step farther and suggested the feasibility of destroying those still in existence and penalize in the futlre any man or woman who invents a weapon with which to slaughter his fellow men. Poisonous gas has been outlawed as an instrument of war why can't we deal with the atomic bomb in the same reasonable fashion.

Once upon a time a man of affairs made a practice of stopping his eight day office clock each Saturday afternoon and starting it every Monday morning. When asked what his object was in so doing he replied "stopping my clock over the week end saves the year and tear of the wheels."

I wonder if industrialists and their employees have caught that idea. Perhaps they think that by stopping the wheels of industry for a month three months or a year they are saving something, but I can't see what. Certainly not the salaries of the workers, surely not the profits of the manufacturers. That is, unless the government steps in and makes all losses good.

I do wonder sometimes why we are all so eager to earn more money, production being what it is we can't buy anything with the money we already have. I think I hear the echo of Wendell Wilkie's stirring cry, "Produce!"

Uncle Silas says: "I've been around and around searching for some garments I'd like to buy and everywhere the merchants are singing, the same song 'yes we have no pajamas, we have no pajamas today."—A.Merriam Conner.

WHAT THE COLUMNIST SAY

GOVERNMENT AND FREE PRESS—Wm. Philip Simms

Our State Department is planning to spend millions to tell the American story obroad. But the countries where this information is most needed are those completely closed to it. And in the areas where the press is free to publish it, there is little or no need for the effort. A free press, free access to the news, freedom from consorship and reasonable transmission rates are pretty nearly everything that is needed to put our story ocrass. A good experienced press officer in each of our embassies and legations abroad might prove helpful.

PLAIN SPEAKING—Francis E. McMahon

The UNO may not be much of a prop for the world's hopes today. But, thnks to a deep-rooted isolationism both here and abroad, it is all we have. The isolationist may carp, and the perfectionist may complain. But men with their feet on the ground will make the best of the situation until mankind is willing to go all the way.

ON WORLD AFFAIRS—Edgar Ansel Mowrer

"Trust in UNO but make your own private arrangements."

This is the inevitable result of the type of world organization which, even in the eyes of its strongest champions, cannot guarantee peace. The new world organization does more—it virtually deprives of severeignty all but the five biggest nations. Perhaps all but the three biggest, since France is still prostrate and China has been divided.

Of these three nations, the Soviet Union has taken the lead in "organiging its security" territorially. The United States has not been inactive. In Germany and above all in China and Japan, American administration has shown a zeal and precision which contrast with its indecision in other areas.

ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY—Dorothy Thompson

Either workers must have some of the privileges, opportunities and responsibilities of owners or increasing numbers of them will vote to exchange their present bosses for the state.

Since I think that by so doing they will but permanently fonfirm their propertyless status, I am against it.

But if the capitalist system remains a proletarian system it won't be able to compete with the real or fancied greater security and equality of state capitalism. It must offer both more security and greater opportunity.

WHITE HOUSE DEPARTMENT—Walter Lippman

The Truman cabinet is by any reasonable standard a good cabiet. In many ways it is a remarkably good cabinet. But the White House is deplorably weak, and since Mr. Truman is a modest and unpretentious man who must feel his way without benefit of much inspiration through a maze of problems, he has little hope of being a successful prisident if his own immediate official family remains what it now is. The blunt truth is that the men nearest him do not have enough brains, and have practically none of the wisdom which somes from experience and education, to help him to be the president of the United States.

KINK IN DEMOCRACY—David Lawrence

Under the American system the congress can hold out for its view and the president can stick to his course and neither side can be held responsible by the people right away. The whole system needs streamlining.

With problems so acute that the whole reconversion program is being adversely affected, it is a confession of weakness in our system for a president of the United States to say he has done all he could to urge congress to act and that he cannot do anything further about it.

U. S.-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT—Ralph W. Page

The Russians are in the same box as we are. No greater catastrophe could befall them than to get into an ideolological quarrel with the western world. They also seek areas of agreement and not conflict. Consequently the only means of modifying the position of either country is persuasion—undeviating, friendly persuasion.

Hence, we readily granted that the Soviets had a vital interest in determining that no government hostile to them be set up in Romania and Bulgaria. We also granted that they vanquished these enemies and were in possession—just as we had conquered and were in possession of Japan.

RESISTANCE TO CHANGE—Thomas L. Stokes

The chief fact in the year ahead of us as far as our affairs here at home are concerned is a resistance to change. It is stiffening in the aftermath of war.

How deep it is, or how widespsead is hard to tell. But already it has caused conflict on several fronts. This is bound to increase in heat and fervor.

THE LYONS DEN—Leonard Lyons

The scientists at Princeton University who had worked on the development of the atomic bomb started working on a defense against the bomb last month. But they've practically abandoned this project, resined to the cgonclusion that there is no defense against it—other than that first suggested by Dr. Robert Oppenheimer: "The only defense is peace."

MAN'S GREATEST TASK—Eleanor Roosevelt

The building of a United Nations organization is the way that lies before us today. Nothing else except security for all the peoples of the world will bring freedom from fear or destruction.

Security requires both control of the use of force and the elimination of want. No people are secure unless they have the things needed, not only to preserve existence, but to make life worth living. These needs may differ widely now. They may change for all, from time to time. But all peoples throughout the world must know that there is an organization where their interests can be considered and where justice and security will be sought for all.

THEY SAY

Eleanor Roosevelt, United States delegate to UNO conference—"War no longer deals with soldiers alone; it deals just as harshly with men, women and children and that is why if our civilization is to continue war must come to an end."

Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of England—"We are anxious to get on our own and be independent again unless we are given an opportunity to regain our stride we may not be able to become again a self supporting community."

Bernard S. Van Rensalter former chief of Brazilian division, foreign economic administration— "Failure of the United States exporters to supply sufficient goods to Brazil and other Latin American countries is likely to cause an economic crash in those areas in the near future."

Representative Jennings Randolph of West Virginia—"I am fearful that responsible unionism suddenly will awaken to find a considerable segment with labor management and government using economic unrest as a guide for further direction and control from Washington.

Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright—"We must make good all our pledges to those fine and loyal and brave Filipino people. We must help them now to rebuild their land and their lives."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. Housing chairman of the American veterans committee—"We do not wish our present housing problem to be used as the excuse for continuing in existence the slums, which should have been demolished many years ago."

Rear Adm. Russell S. Berkley, chief of the navy's liaison section—"A $100,000 test this spring of the atom bomb's effect against warships will determine the whole future of the world's navies."

Dr. Glen T. Seaborg co-discover of plutonium—"Atomic heat already is being produced on a large scale although no effect yet has been made to put it to practical use."

Robert R. Watson, president of the National Association of Manufacturers—"Hitler used social security as a device to gyp the people through deductions from their income, essentially the social security offered by the United States is no better than that offered by Bismark or Hitler because it is based on the same kind of deception."

Dean Acreson, Acting Sec. of State—"Government of the American occupied zone of Germany will remain under the war department even after June 30 when military government is scheduled to be largely supplanted by a civilian administration."

BIRTHS

MENZIES—In Nevada City, February 2, 1946 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Menzies of Hills Flat, a son.

FITZPATRICK—In Nevada City, January 30, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins Fitzpatrick, a son.

Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Sparks and their two young sons have returned to Nevada City after four years absence during which Capt. Sparks served in the army. He was in the Aleutians for 10 months but was assigned to the ETO. He will return to his former employment on the staff of Idaho Maryland Mine.

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In compliance with the provisions of the Public Resources Code, Chapter 93, Statutes of 1939, the undersigned, whose principal place of business is at North San Juan, California, hereby gives notice that application has been made to the State Mineralogist for a license to carry on within the State of California, for the year ending December 31, 194—, the business of milling, sampling, concentrating, reducing, refining, purchasing and receiving for sale ores, concentrates and amalgams bearing gold or silver gold dust, gold and silver bullion, nuggets and specimens.

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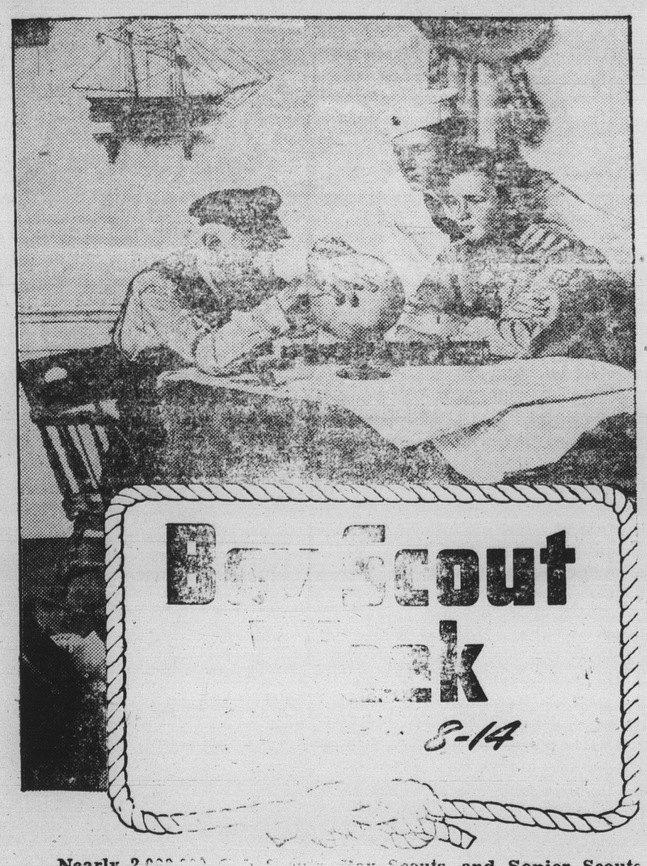

Nearly 2,000,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Senior Scouts will mark the 35th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8-14. The theme of the celebration is "Scouts of the World Building Together." Members of the Movement are helping brotherhood throughout the world to reorganize. Their "World Friendship Week" voluntary contributions and their "Shirts-Off-Our-Backs" campaign of donating Scout Uniform parts and equipment, will help overseas and help develop understanding among the youth of the world. Above is the official poster marking the event.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Congressman Clair Engle

VETERANS UNDER 21 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4—I was very much surprised to learn recently that veterans under the age of 21 years cannot file for homestead on public lands and cannot of course receive the preferential rights in such filing accorded to other veterans. This is a gross discrimination against veterans under the age of 21 years of age, and I have introduced a bill this week for the purpose of authorizing such veterans to file for homesteads and to be granted such preferential rights. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Public Lands of which I am a member and I expect to get early and favorable action on it. The Department of Interior which administers the public lands upon which homesteads are filed has already indicated its favorable attitude towards the measure. Certainly those young men between 18 and 21 who were drafted into the service or who volunteered for service in the war, should be accorded every preferential right which is granted to veterans of 21 years or over. It is expected that some large sections of land in the Tulelake area and other areas of California will by late summer or fall be opened for homsteading and I am in hopes that long before that time this measure granting equal rights to veterans under 21 years of age will be enacted into law.

FOREST SERVICE SEEKS FUNDS

Forest servie areas in California are becoming increasingly popular with the public. In 1941 the areas had approximately 2,200,000 visitors and this figure is expected to be far surpassed within the next season or two.

As a result of an expected rush into the scenic areas many persons have expressed concern over the lack of funds by the forest service to maintain and develop its rcreational facilities which probably will be fairly jammed during the summer months.

Not long prior to the war the forest service through the Civilian Conservation Corps and its own personnel, had stepped up it's program to establish camp and picnic grounds, trails, buildings, water and sanitary facilities for the recreational use of the public. During the war of course many of these facilities could not be maintained and unless funds are soon appropriated they will deteriorate to the point where they will be practically useless.

The forest service plans to ask for $1,000,000 to get its program rolling again in 1946 and will seek an additional $7,500,000 for the 1947 fiscal year, a good portion of which would be allocated to California. If the budget request is granted much of the money will be used for the development of new facilities which will mean an even greater number of recreational visitors will be attracted to many parts of the second district.

LOW COST HOUSING SOUGHT

The recently announced reconstruction housing program is getting under way but it probably will be necessary to make several adjustments on building material priorities before there is a concerted effort to construct homes for less than $10.000.

Approximately 44 per cent of the requests for building priorities received by FH during the first week under a recent priority order, covered houses to sell for around $7500 or to rent below $60. Most of the remainder of the applications were at or near the $10,000 level.

Officials may strengthen the preference on materials for houses that will sell for $5000 or below on the basis of a recent survey at army separation centers which shows that 80 per cent of the veterans say they cannot afford to rent houses above $50 a month. In contrast only 17 1-2 per cent of the priorities granted by the FHA to date covered rentals below the $50 a month level.

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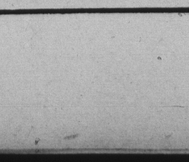

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Veterans' SERVICE BUREAU

EDITOR'S NOTE: This newspaper, through special arrangement with the Washington Bureau of Western Newspaper Union at 1616 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is able to bring readers this weekly column on problems of the veteran and serviceman and his family. Questions may be addressed to the above Bureau and they will be answered in a subsequent column. No replies can be made direct by mail, but only in the column which will appear in this newspaper regularly.

Speed of Discharge

Apropos of the confusion existing in the minds of both members of the armed services and civilians, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower testified before a joint meeting of the house and senate January 15 that all men in the army with two years' service would be on their way out by July 1, 1946. He further said that veterans and civilians who are now complaining have no reason to expect discharge for another three or four months under the original demobilization program set up by Gen. George C. Marshall as chief of staff.

Although further cut in number of points eligible for discharge may come within the next few weeks, as of January 15, discharge points necessary for the army remains at 50 for enlisted men and 70 for officers.

General MacArthur has announced that the point score for men under his command is 48 for enlisted men and 68 for officers. These figures apply to all who had earned that number of points as of September 2, 1945. It is pointed out at the war department that each theater commander has the authority to reduce the point score for discharge.

War department heads agree that discharge of veterans is proceeding at a rate that is too fast for the efficiency and safety of the army and replacements are not coming fast enough although training of replacements has been cut from 17 to 13 weeks.

Questions and Answers

Q. I was discharged from the regular army in January, 1944, and now I would like to put in another hitch, but because of a paragraph in my discharge papers am unable to. It reads: "Is not recommended for re-enlistment, induction or re-induction. Sec. 8. AR 615-360." How can I have this fixed and re-enlist? —Reader, Albertville, Ala.

A. Section 8 of army regulations to which you refer means that you are unfit for military service and will not be accepted, according to the war department.

Q. What does a man in the army get discharge points for? If married, but no children, is the wife considered a dependent? Are any discharge points allowed for her?—Mrs. B. J. D., Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

A. Discharge points in the army are allowed for service in this country and overseas, for minor children (not more than three) and for decorations or battle stars. A wife is considered a dependent in so far as family allowance is concerned, but not for discharge points.

Q. I heard any one in service under 20 years of age can get a discharge to attend school even if he ha'sn't enough points. Is this true? —Mrs. O. S., Lewistown, Ill.

A. No discharge is granted to permit a man under age to attend school. He may go to school at the army institute in this country or to any one of the courses which have been instituted overseas.

Q. We are the parents of two boys who served their country, one three years in the army, the other almost four years in the navy. The father is 55 and mother, 49. We do not own any property and live in one of the boy's home. The father worked at a saw mill and made 50 cents an hour. When the boys went into service, we thought if we could get by without starving we would not draw from the government on them. We had one single girl in school and one 13-year-old boy in school. We did get by and did not starve, but it took every cent to do so and keep the two in school. Would it have been dishonest to have drawn on one of the boys? If not, could we get it yet? They are both honorably discharged.—Mr. and Mrs. P. H., Valley Head, Ala.

A. It certainly would not have been dishonest for you to take an allotment from one or both of your boys for the allotment would have been entirely voluntary on their part out of their pay and the amount they voluntarily set aside for you would have been matched by the government. You cannot get it now, since they are discharged.

Q. My husband had war bond allotments taken from his pay which he received when he was discharged at Indiantown Gap, Pa. Would like to know where to write, since he has not received his bonds. —Mrs. W. W. R., Millmont, Pa.

A. Write to the war bond division, U. S. army, 4300 Goodfellow blvd., St. Louis 20, Mo.

Q. If a man has enough points for discharge is there any way a regular navy man can be released if he hasn't served his full six-year enlistment?—Wife, Duluth, Minn.

A. The navy says, "No."

Veterans Must Register Guns From Overseas

Returning servicemen who have brought certain types of firearms home with them or have sent them home are required to register their war trophies and are subject to the heavy penalties for failure to do so. Ben H. Butler investigator for the Sacramento office of the Alcohol Tax Unit Bureau of Internal Revenue explained today.

Not all of the thousands of firearms brought home by the returning veterans are required to be registered. Butler said but he explained that owners of the trophies should consult local alcohol tax unit officials concerning any firearms they possess.

The Alcohol Tax Unit has been designated as the enforcement agency for violations of the national firearms act Butler said. The two offices in Northern California where firearms may be registered are the Alcohol Tax Unit Room 304. 555 Battery St., San Francisco and the Alcohol Tax Unit Room 477 PO Bldg., Sacramento.

Section 2733 of the national firearms act defines firearms affected by the act as follows:

A shotgun or rifle with barrel less than 18 inches in length.

Any firearm except a pistol or revolver that is capable of being concealed on the person.

Any machine gun a weapon designed to shoot more than one shot by a single pull of the trigger.

A muffler or silencer for anw firearm.

The act does not require the registration of a .22 caliber rifle unless the barrel is less than 16 inches long.

A penalty of not more than $2000 fine or imprisonment for not more than five years or both is provided for failure to comply with privisions of the act.

The definition of machine guns includes guns and machine pistols that will fire more than one shot with a single pull of the trigger, pistols and revolvers that have shoulder stocks or detachable shoulder stocks and automatic pistols that can be converted to full automatic by and adjustment of the mechanism on the gun, which would let the gun fire more than one shot without manual reloading with a single pull of the trigger.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith drove to Berkeley Sunday to attend the wedding of Jeanne Spurrier and Robert Mitchell. Mitchell is the son of G. E. Mitchell who was formerly a member of the Tahoe national forest. Robert recently received his discharge from the navy.

Housing officials are expected to revamp their present program to include subsidies for makers of some building materials, permit construction of temporary dwellings—possibly by the government itself and to encourage the use of prefabricated units.

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EPILEPSY GIVEN NEW STUDY BY U. C. SAVANTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4—Epilepsy and other abnormal conditions of the brain are being subjected to a research attack by University of California Medical School scientists using by products of atomic research.

Radioactive elements, used in the tracer studies, show promise of disclosing new information on the abnormal biochemistry of the brain, which is among the most difficult of physiological studies with man.

The human body cannot distinguish between ordinary forms of such elements as phosphorus and sodium and their radioactive forms but with delicate instruments such as Geiger counters the radioactive element can be distinguished as readily as can a black sheep in a white flock.

When radio elements are combined in organic substances and fed to human subjects, the metabolism of the radio atoms, as they combine with new substances and course through the blood from one organ to another can be followed as easily as the black sheep in the flock. Thus atomic research has opened new possibilities for studying the functioning of the brain as well as the whole biochemistry of animal and plant systems.

Medical school scientists are cooperating in the research with members of the division of medical physics on the Berkeley campus. Radio active phosphorus produced in the 60 inch medical cyclotron has been used in preliminary experiments and it is expected that radio sodium and potasium also will be used.

U. C. Enrollment Now 19,692

Enrollment on the 8 campuses of the University of California has reached 19,692 according to figures released today. Indications now point to a registration in the spring term which begins March 4 or approximately 23,500 although some estimates are not as high. However if this figure is reached it will be but 5000 less than in the academic year 1940 when 28,941 students were registered.

At the present time are approximately 2500 veterans on the Berkeley, Los Angeles, Davis and Santa Barbara campuses. Next term it is estimated this number will inrease to between 5000 and 6000.

Housing it is pointed out is a limiting factor and these figures may not hold if students can find no place to live. If adequate housing becomes available the registration may go higher than the more optimistic estimates.

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MANY FROM OUT OF TOWN ATTEND FUNERAL

Among the list of out of town friends attending the funeral services of the late Antone Buck which were held Thursday afternoon are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bessac, Vallejo; Bill and Victor Poats, Idyllwild; Mrs. Laura Fellows and Mrs. E. McCoy, San Jose; Mrs. R. O. Foster and son Clyde, Talmadge; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davidson, Alleghany; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Robinson, Yuba City; Herbert and Henry Paine, Nor. Bloomfield; Philip Cummings, North Bloomfield, Jay Coughlan, Miss B. Mahoney, Mary Joan Campbell, Nor. Columbia.

Haynes Returned To San Quentin

District Attorney H. Ward Sheldon on Friday dismissed the charge against William Haynes following the jury disagreement resulting from his trial for the third burglary of the Alpha Stores Ltd. Haynes who is serving a term in San Quentin on his second burglary of Alpha Stores was yesterday returned to prison.

The sheriff's office states that two felony charges are pending in the federal courts against Haynes, who is acused of stealing one car in Nevada and crossing into California and another in San Francisco and crossing into Oregon.

More than two years ago Haynes pleaded guilty to his second burglary of Alpha Stores while on parole from the Nevada state prison at Carson City. He was returned to serve out his time without being sentenced. Following his third burglary he was apprehended in Oregon served a short term in jail there and was returned to Nevada City for trial. His first burglary was committed while he was still a minor. He is now 24 years of age.

Miss Marie Kelly Weds Douglas Strehle

Miss Marie Kelly of Grass Valley and Douglas M. Strehle, Claremont, Riverside County were quietly married at an informal service in Las Vegas, Nevada, Friday, February 1st.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Albert C. Morton, Congregational minister of Las Vegas. The marriage consumated a Pomona College romance.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynne Kelly wore a charming aqua suit with brown accessories.

She graduated from Grass Valley high school in 1940 and from the Pomona College last April. She has been employed by a legal firm in Los Angeles.

Douglas Strehle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strehle of Pomona College. The elder Strehle is coach and head of the placement and counselling department of the college.

FARM ADVISOR TO SPEAK

The Grass Valley Business and Professional Women's Club at their meeting Wednesday night, February 6th, will hear William Brooks, recently appointed county farm advisor.

Mrs. Nellie Parsons is program chairman. Besides Brooks, a member of one of the county 4-H clubs will present an entertainment feature.

Three Old Stores In Forest Destroyed

Three old time stores in Forest, Sierra County were wiped out by fire Wednesday afternoon. While the men of old mining town were absent at work in lumber mills and mines the women rushed out the hose cart and connected the hose with pipes from the reservoir.

By some mischance the valve at the reservoir had been turned off. The attempt to cope with the spreading flames was frustrated. Help came from Alleghany, four miles away, when Superintendent Clayton Bennett of the Original Sixteen to One Mine sent his surface crew to Forest. The water was turned on. The miners saved other buildings near the flaming stores.

The buildings destroyed where the Brady, Phippen and Sayles Stores. The Phippen store contained the postoffice and telephone exchange. These were lost. Gas storage tanks in the vicinity were not ignited. Pat Morris owner of the Brady and Phippen stores stated yesterday that his loss in furniture, clothes and articles stored in the latter building would run into several hundred dollars.

Engle Introduces Bill To Benefit Young Veterans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4—A bill that would permit veterans under 21 years of age to file homestead claims has been introduced by Rep. Clair Engle.

Commenting on the measure Engle said: "Under existing law veterans under 21 are barred from making homestead entries. This situation is grossly unfair. If boys from 18 to 21 are old enough to be drafted into the armed services, they are old enough to be entitled to all veterans benefits including preferential rights in making entry for homesteads."

The congressman said passage of his bill would assist many veterans who wish to file homestead entries on land to be opened up soon in the Tulelake area but who are at present disqualified because they are under 21.

A companion bill is to be introduced in the senate by Senator Downey of California.

Farm Bureau Gets Ready For Planning Day

Directors of the Nevada County Farm Bureau preparing for the annual program planning day that will be held in the Veterans Memorial Building on February 13th, have named the chairman of the several discussion groups.

They are Milton Thompson, dairy; George Galletto, poultry;; Joel Bierwagen, fruit; C. O. Armstrong, livestock.

County Share In U. S. Debt Is $33,212,000

Nevada county's share of the $252 700,000,000 national debt today ranges between $33,212,000 and $42,724,000, depending on the formula used to calculate the share of the debt Californians owe.

On a straight basis, dividing the debt by the 140,000,000 people in the nation the debt per capita across the country is $1805. For the 9,250,000 people estimated to be in California at January 1 this amounts to $16,696,250,000 for Nevada county's 18,400 population it is $33,212,000.

California pays 8.5 per cent of federal tax collections but has 6.75 per cent of the population of the nation. On this basis of share of federal taxes paid California's share of the national debt is $21,479,500,000 which averages $2322 for each of the 9,250,000 people in the state. Nevada county's share of the national debt on this basis is $42,724,800.

BOYS IN JAIL AGAIN

Lee Cuuningham, 16 and Kenneth Woods, 17 granted probation on a car theft charge a few weeks ago have been returned to the county jail charged with stealing and wrecking a car in Stockton. Arrests of boys during January in Nevada County numbered 16.

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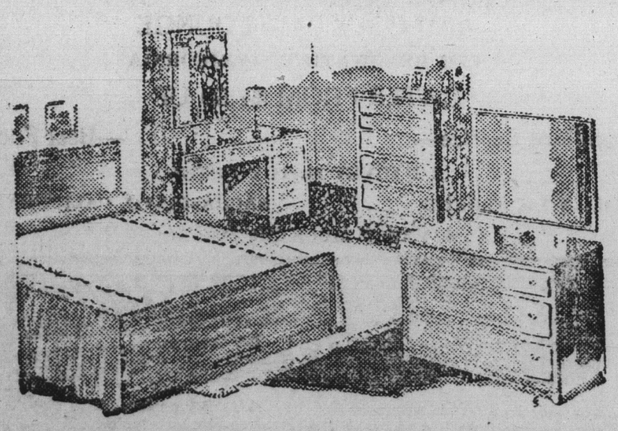

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